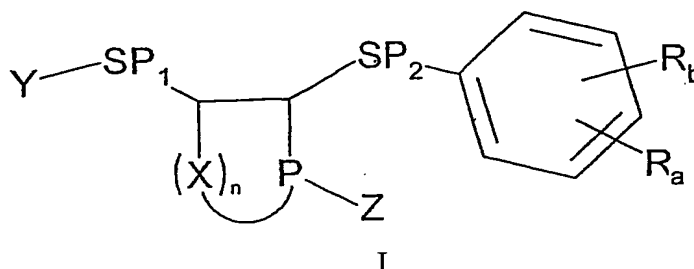


# AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims

1. (Original): A compound according to formula I



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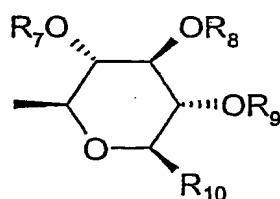
P represents -N< or -C=,

X represents independently of each other -CH<sub>2</sub>-, CR<sub>1</sub> (Sp<sub>2</sub>- hybridised), O, -NH-, =N-, -CO- or -CS-, wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents H or NR<sub>2</sub>, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents H or lower alkyl, which optionally is linked to Z such that a bicyclic structure is formed;

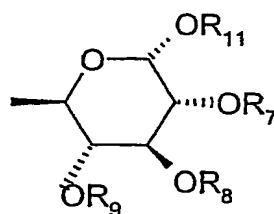
n represents 1 or 2,

R<sub>a</sub> represents H, lower alkyl, -OR<sub>3</sub>, -O (CO) R<sub>3</sub>, -O (CO) OR<sub>3</sub>, -O (CO) NR<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub>, -N<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub>, -NR<sub>3</sub> (CO) R<sub>4</sub>, -COOR<sub>3</sub>, -CONR<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub>, -CH=CHCOOR<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>H, PO<sub>3</sub>H or halogen, wherein R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> represent H or lower alkyl,

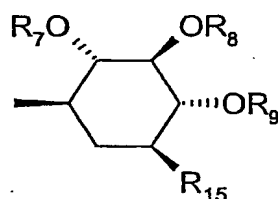
R<sub>b</sub> represents H, OH, -OSO<sub>2</sub>Me, -OSO<sub>2</sub>W wherein W represents optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl, -OCO(CHOH)<sub>2</sub>COOR<sub>5</sub> wherein R<sub>5</sub> represents H or lower alkyl; or represents the formula -Sp<sub>3</sub>-R<sub>6</sub>,  
 wherein Sp<sub>3</sub> represents a covalent bond, -O-, -OCH<sub>2</sub>-, -OSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -OSO<sub>2</sub>-, -OSO<sub>2</sub>-(p) C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O- and R<sub>6</sub> represents one of carbohydrate structures A-D:



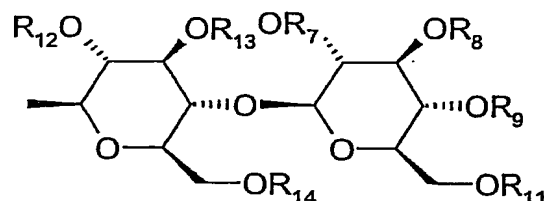
A



B



C



D

wherein

$R_7$ ,  $R_8$ ,  $R_9$ ,  $R_{11}$ ,  $R_{12}$ ,  $R_{13}$  and  $R_{14}$  represent independently of each other H, lower alkyl, aryl(lower alkyl), -CO-lower alkyl, -CO-aryl,  $-SO_3^-$  or  $-PO_3^-$ ,

$R_{10}$  represents  $-CH_2OR_{16}$  or  $-COOR_{17}$ , and

$R_{15}$  represents  $-CH_2OR_{16}$ ,  $-COOR_{17}$ ,  $-CH_2NH_2$ ,  $-CH_2OPO_3^-$  or  $-CH_2OSO_3^-$ , wherein  $R_{16}$  and  $R_{17}$  independently of each other represent H, lower alkyl, aryl (lower alkyl), -CO-lower alkyl, -CO-aryl,  $-SO_3^-$  or  $-PO_3^-$ ,

Z represents optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl,

$Sp_1$  represents a spacer unit, such as a straight-chain or branched lower alkyl group  $-(CH_2)_p-$ , wherein p is from 2-6, which is unsubstituted, mono or poly-substituted by -OH, -OR<sub>18</sub>, halogen or cyano group, wherein one or more -CH<sub>2</sub>- groups may independently be replaced by -O-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -NR<sub>19</sub>-, -NR<sub>19</sub>-CO-, -CO-NR<sub>19</sub>-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C- and wherein  $R_{18}$  and  $R_{19}$  represent a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl;

$Sp_2$  represents an optional spacer unit, such as a covalent bond or a straight-chain or branched lower alkyl group  $-(CH_2)_q-$ , wherein q is from 1-6, which is unsubstituted, mono or poly-substituted by -OH, -OR<sub>20</sub>, halogen or cyano group, wherein one or more -CH<sub>2</sub>- groups may independently be replaced by -O-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -NR<sub>21</sub>-, -NR<sub>21</sub>-CO-, -CO-NR<sub>21</sub>-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C- and wherein  $R_{20}$ , and  $R_{21}$ ,

represents a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl;

Y represents optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl,

with the proviso, that if  $P = -N<$ ,  $n=1$ ,  $X = -CO-$  and  $Sp_2$  represents a covalent bond,  $R_6$  may not represent carbohydrate structures A or D for  $Sp_3 = -O-$  and  $R_6$  may not represent carbohydrate B for  $Sp_3 = -OCH_2-$ .

2. (Original): A compound according to claim 1, with the proviso, that if  $P = -N<$ ,  $n=1$ ,  $X = -CO-$  and  $Sp_2$  represents a covalent bond,  $R_b$  may not represent H or OH and  $Sp_3$  may not represent a covalent bond,  $-O-$  or  $-OCH_2-$ .

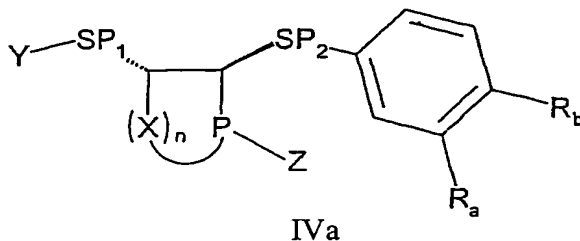
3. (Currently Amended): A compound according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, wherein  $P = -N<$ ,  $n = 1$  and  $X = -CO-$ ,  $-CS-$ ,  $-CH_2-$  or  $-NH-$ .

4. (Currently Amended): A compound according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, wherein  $P = -N<$ ,  $n = 1$  and  $X = -CS-$ ,  $-CH_2-$  or  $-NH-$ .

5. (Currently Amended): A compound according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, wherein  $P = -N<$  and  $-(X)_n = -OOC-$ ,  $-COO-$ ,  $-CONH-$ ,  $-CH=N-$ .

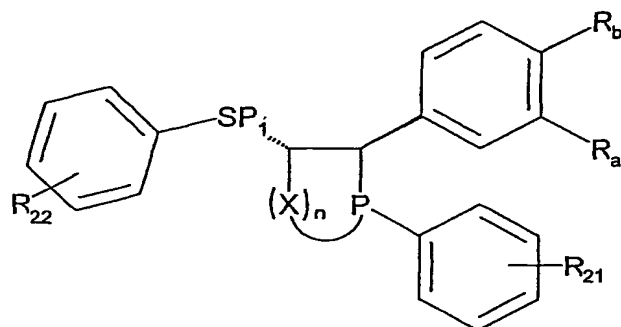
6. (Currently Amended): A compound according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, wherein  $P = -C=$  and  $-(X)_n = -NH-N=$  or  $-O-N=$ .

7. (Currently Amended): A compound according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, having the formula IVa



wherein  $R_a$ ,  $R_b$ ,  $Sp_1$ ,  $Sp_2$ ,  $P$ ,  $X$ ,  $Y$ ,  $Z$  and  $n$  are as defined in ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1.

8. (Currently Amended): A compound according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1 having the formula IVb,



IVb

wherein  $R_a$ ,  $R_b$ ,  $Sp_1$ ,  $P$ ,  $X$  and  $n$  are as defined hereinabove and wherein  $R_{21}$  and  $R_{22}$  represent H, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy or halogen.

9. (Currently Amended): A compound according to ~~claims 7 or 8~~ claim 7, wherein  $P = -N<$ ,  $n = 1$  and  $X = -CO-$ ,  $-CS-$ ,  $-CH_2-$  or  $-NH-$ .

10. (Currently Amended): A compound according to ~~claims 7 or 8~~ claim 7, wherein  $P = -N<$ ,  $n = 1$  and  $X = -CS-$ ,  $-CH_2-$  or  $-NH-$ .

11. (Currently Amended): A compound according to ~~claims 7 or 8~~ claim 7, wherein  $P = -N<$  and  $-(X)_n = -OOC-$ ,  $-COO-$ ,  $-CONH-$ ,  $-CH=N-$ .

12. (Currently Amended): A compound according to ~~claims 7 or 8~~ claim 7, wherein  $P = -C=$  and  $-(X)_n = -NH-N=$  or  $-O-N=$ .

13. (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13 for the treatment or prevention of arteriosclerosis or for the reduction of cholesterol levels.

15. (Original): A kit comprising a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13 for use in the treatment or prevention of arteriosclerosis or for the reduction of cholesterol levels.

16. (Currently Amended): A method for the treatment or prevention of arteriosclerosis or for the reduction of cholesterol levels comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to ~~claims 1 to 12~~claim 1.

17. (Cancelled)